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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir,

REMARKS

1 These remarks are in response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2005. The amendment is accompanied by a request for a retroactive extension of time of one month.

2 At the time of the Office Action, claims 1 - 10 were pending in the application.

3 In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1 to 7 and 9 to 10 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Thallemer (U.S. Patent No. 5,743,049). The Examiner also rejects claims 1 and 2, 4 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. 102(A) as being anticipated by Leary (US Patent No. 606 1969).

4 With respect, the Examiner is not correct in his analysis of the disclosure of Thallemer. Each structural unit or support 2 as shown in Thallemer does in fact comprise three inflatable